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► Bloomberg said all New Yorkers should be safe yesterday at a Sikh house of worship.

Cops amp up security at Sikh houses of worship

- After Wisconsin shooting, patrols boosted around temples in the city and Long Island
- Bloomberg stands with Sikhs in Queens
- New Yorkers hope 'act of naked hatred' spurs conversation and understanding {page 02}

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In the news

Tree limb hits man, barely misses a family

A rotted tree limb fell on Fifth Avenue Sunday morning, hitting a man and just barely missing a 22-month-old boy and 6-year-old girl. Kyle Glover, a food vendor, was sitting on a park bench on Fifth Avenue and 64th Street when a branch hit him on his left shoulder, A Walk in the Park blog reported. "I was very lucky," he told A Walk in the Park. The Parks Department confirmed the fallen limb. ● METRO/AB

In the news

**Wallet snatcher**

Cops are looking for a man who robbed a woman at the Franklin Avenue A and C Subway station in Bedford-Stuyvesant. On July 1, cops said, the perpetrator approached a 42-year-old woman from behind and removed her wallet. He then fled across the train tracks and boarded a northbound C train. Anyone with info should call 800-577-TIPS.

● METRO/JG

NYPD boosts security around Sikh temples after Wis. shooting

► No known threats in wake of Wisconsin violence ► But police expand presence as a precaution ► Bloomberg speaks at Queens center

Police are ramping up their presence around the city's Sikh houses of worship following the Wisconsin massacre in which a gunman killed six Sikhs during Sunday services.

There is no known threat against Sikhs in New York City, but critical response vehicles and additional resources have been deployed as a precaution, according to the NYPD.

Nassau County police also increased patrols.

"No matter who you are, no matter where you're from, no matter what religion you profess, you have a right to be safe," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said yesterday outside the Sikh Cultural Society in Richmond Hill, Queens.

He called southeast Queens the center of Sikh life in the U.S., with 15,000 practitioners in Richmond Hill and nearby.

Supreet Kaur, an advisory board member at the Sikh Coalition, a New York-based civil-rights organization, told Metro she was glad to see cops taking the shooting seriously.

"It is our sincere hope that people use this moment of tragedy to understand more about who Sikhs are and to understand that we really are Americans just like everyone else," Kaur said.



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► Bloomberg spoke with members of the Sikh community yesterday.

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Sikh hate crimes up since 9/11

There have been thousands of hate-crime, bullying and employment-discrimination incidents directed at Sikhs since the Sept. 11 attacks, according to Kaur. Both Sikhs and some Muslim men, including the Taliban, are known to wear turbans, but the two groups are not otherwise affiliated religiously or culturally. ● METRO/JG

Quoted

"This was an act of naked hatred meant to isolate and victimize the Sikh community. But just as we stood with our Sikh neighbors facing prejudice and violence after the 9/11 attacks, we stand shoulder to shoulder with them now."

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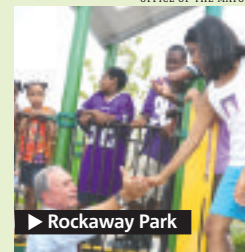
Wis. cop has local roots

Police officer Brian Murphy, who was shot nine times upon arriving at the scene of the Wisconsin massacre, was reportedly born in Brooklyn. He is also the brother of a recently retired NYPD detective, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said yesterday.

Murphy remains in critical condition. ● METRO/JG



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Park opens after \$30M renovation

QUEENS. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe cut the ribbon yesterday on the redevelopment of Rockaway Park in Queens. More than \$30 million in new amenities, including a 15,700-square-foot skateboard park, handball and basketball courts, playgrounds, climbing wall, performance space, water play area, synthetic turf field and accessible comfort station were added. ● METRO/AB

Bronx man sentenced in sexual assault case

MANHATTAN. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr., announced the sentencing of a Bronx man yesterday for an April 2008 attack. Greg Poirer, 39, was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Prosecutors say he followed a woman, 28, to her East Village apartment, pushed her inside and locked the door before sexually assaulting her. ● METRO/AB

Bklyn baby hit by bus

BOROUGH PARK. A baby boy in a stroller suffered head trauma yesterday afternoon after being struck by a bus in Borough Park, Brooklyn. The incident occurred around noon at the corner of 20th Avenue and 62nd Street. Fire department officials said they did not know the age or condition of the boy, who was rushed to Maimonides Hospital, or the origin of the bus. ● METRO/JG

Man charged after Ferrari runs over cop's foot

If there is one thing no one can get away with in New York, it's running over the foot of an NYPD officer who is trying to ticket your Ferrari 458 Spider.

Julien Chabbott, an app developer, had to learn this lesson the hard way. He was illegally parked outside the Mercer Hotel in SoHo Saturday night, according to Damian Mory, the Queens man who captured the following incident on video.

An NYPD officer was in the

middle of ticketing Chabbott's car, which also had no registration stickers or front license plate, when Chabbott tried to get into the driver's seat and pull away.

The cop told him not to try to escape, but Chabbott crept forward in his Ferrari until the officer screamed that he ran over his foot. At that point, two cops pulled Chabbott out of the car and threw him on the ground, as his girlfriend,



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Stephanie Pratt of "The Hills," looked on.

The NYPD told Metro Chabbott was arrested and charged

with felony assault, vehicular assault, obstructing governmental administration and disorderly conduct. ● METRO/CG

Illegal driving cited in majority of fatal crashes



► Delancey Street has often been called one of the most dangerous streets.

METRO FILE PHOTO

Illegal driving was cited in three out of five fatal crashes that involved pedestrians and bicyclists, according to a new report.

Transit advocacy group Transportation Alternatives released a report yesterday that found that 60 percent of fatal pedestrian and bicycle crashes with known causes were the result of illegal driving activities such as speeding, driving drunk or texting at the wheel.

The report analyzed New York State Department of Transportation data between 1995 and 2009.

The group also found that 1,745 pedestrians and bicyclists died in New York City traffic between 2001 and 2010.

Critics have pointed out this summer that the NYPD's Accident Investigation Squad has 19 trained investigators who handle fatal traffic accidents and collect crash scene evidence when a victim is dead or likely to die. Other incidents — such as those involving broken or amputated limbs or unexpected deaths — are not always investigated, critics say.

Michael Murphy, spokesman for Transportation Alternatives, said the NYPD needs to enforce driving rules more stringently.

"The solutions are on the table," he told Metro. "It's just a matter of making them happen."

Transportation Alternatives reported that all crashes that

Legislation to push probes

Council members also introduced a legislative package last month aimed at improving NYPD's traffic enforcement and crash investigation protocols.

The Crash Investigation Reform Act would create a task force to evaluate the state of the city's traffic safety enforcement and investigation practices.

"The act will make sure the NYPD is doing everything it can to hold lawbreaking drivers accountable for their lethal behavior," said Paul Steely White, executive director of Transportation Alternatives.

do not involve fatalities receive a one-page report.

In these cases, evidence of possible criminal conduct other than drunken driving is not collected or investigated, the group said.

"That is a tragedy that repeats itself all the time," Council Member Stephen Levin said last month while introducing legislation to bolster traffic investigations. "This is something that we can't sit idly by and allow to happen."



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Gun violence program announced

CITY HALL. Speaker Christine Quinn, along with council members Fernando Cabrera and Jumaane Williams, co-chairs of the Task Force to Combat Gun Violence, announced council initiatives yesterday to reduce gun violence in the city.

Under the Council's \$4.8 million in funding, Quinn, Cabrera and Williams officially started the city's CeaseFire program, which aims to reduce and prevent incidents of violence across the city. Outreach workers will respond to the scene after gun violence to prevent acts of retaliation, according to the Council. CeaseFire will be implemented in South Jamaica in Queens and the South Bronx. ● **METRO/AB**

Quoted

"With gun violence on the rise, there is no greater responsibility for city government than to find ways to keep New Yorkers safe."

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Cop banned after refusing to leave seat

QUEENS. A city police officer was banned from Citi Field for a year after he pleaded guilty to refusing to leave a seat that was not his at a Mets game. Eduardo Cornejo, 30, was sentenced yesterday to a conditional discharge. He reportedly was sitting in a vacant seat he did not have a ticket for during



a May game against Cincinnati. An order of protection is now against him for an entire year — meaning he can't enjoy a Mets game until 2013. Also included were three days of community service and \$120 in fines, according to the New York Post. ● **METRO/AB**

Police criticized for photographer's arrest

BRONX. The NYPD fielded criticism yesterday after The New York Times reported that one of its photographers, Robert Stolarik, was arrested while covering a fight in the Bronx Saturday night. The NYPD told the newspaper that he "violently resisted" arrest. The National Press Photographers Association sent a letter to the NYPD urging them to provide

more training to their officers regarding the rights of the press and public to record and photograph. During the Occupy Wall Street protests, photographers and news organizations expressed concern to the NYPD about the multiple arrests of journalists who were at the scene covering the protests.

● **METRO/AB**

Near-collision in 2011 blamed on New York air traffic controllers



▶ Jets at JFK

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Faulty instructions by air traffic controllers caused a near mid-air collision involving a Sao Paulo-bound American Airlines Boeing 777-200 leaving from JFK and a U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo plane near New York in January 2011, a federal report revealed.

The report by the National Transportation Safety Board said the airliner and the C-17 were put on a collision course in the dark over the Atlantic Ocean about 88 miles off New York after controllers mistakenly instructed the planes to converge in the same area.

The C-17 was one of two flying in formation.

The error was revealed by a

A close call

Details in the report reveal how close the planes were:

- ▶ The cargo plane passed 2,000 feet to the left of the jet, according to the Wall Street Journal.
- ▶ This is about 10 times the space of the Boeing 777's width.
- ▶ Planes should typically be several miles apart, the Journal reported.

radar data processing system before the planes came into contact, according to the re-

port. At one point, they were less than 2,000 feet apart, it said.

"That guy passed us now, and that was not good," the pilot of American Airlines flight 951 told the controllers at the New York Air Traffic Control Center, the country's busiest.

A collision-avoidance system aboard the American Airlines plane helped to avoid a collision, alerting the pilot to the presence of the military planes.

Ann Marie Brennan, a manager at the air-traffic control office, was quoted in the report, released Aug. 2, as saying the radar display showed the two planes "pass right over each other." **REUTERS**

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In the news

Speaking fee for Obama aide raises questions

WASHINGTON. One of President Barack Obama's closest aides



was paid \$100,000 by a company doing business with

Iran just before joining the White House staff, the Washington Post reported yesterday, raising awkward election-year questions for the Democrat trying to get tough with Tehran.

White House senior adviser David Plouffe received the speaking fee from Africa's biggest wireless phone operator, MTN Group, for two speeches he made in Nigeria in December 2010, the company and administration officials confirmed. **REUTERS**

Sikh temple gunman was US Army veteran linked to Nazi group

The gunman who killed six people at a Wisconsin Sikh temple was a 40-year-old U.S. Army veteran, and authorities said they were investigating possible links to white supremacist groups and his membership in a skinhead rock band.

The assailant, who was shot dead by police at the scene on Sunday, was named Wade Michael Page, a former U.S. soldier who served from 1992 to 1998, according to John Edwards, the police chief of Oak Creek, a suburb of Milwaukee.

Page killed six people and seriously wounded three, including a police officer, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin as

Military discharge

U.S. military sources said Page had been discharged from the Army in 1998 for "patterns of misconduct" and had been cited for being drunk on duty.

worshippers prepared for religious services.

The victims were five men and one woman, aged between 39 and 84. Members of the Sikh community said the president of the congregation and a priest were among the victims. Authorities said they were

treating the attack as a possible act of domestic terrorism. American Sikhs said they have often been singled out for harassment, and occasionally violent assault, since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks because they are mistaken as Muslims due to their colorful turbans and beards.

"The definition of domestic terrorism is the use of force or violence for social or political gain, so that's obviously what we're looking at," FBI special agent Teresa Carlson said at a news conference yesterday, adding that authorities were looking at Page's ties to white supremacists. **REUTERS**

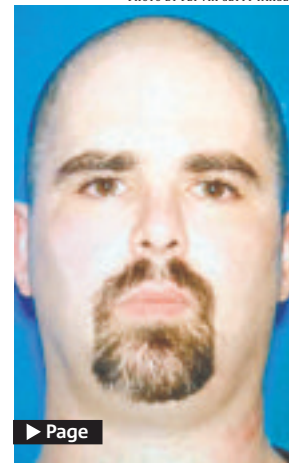


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► Page

Gun was purchased legally

The 9mm semi-automatic handgun used in the attack on a Sikh temple in Wisconsin that killed six people was legally purchased from a licensed gun dealer, law enforcement officials said yesterday.

Bernard Zapor, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the gun had multiple ammunition magazines, but no other details on the weapon were released.

Another ATF official, Thomas Ahern, said that the gun had been traced back to its original purchaser, but the identity of the person was not being released. The make and model of the gun also were not disclosed.

Gunman Wade Michael Page had no criminal record prior to the attack. **REUTERS**



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News in brief

NASA



NASA rover beams back Mars photos

PASADENA, CALIF. NASA's Mars science rover Curiosity performed a daredevil descent through pink Martian skies late on Sunday to clinch an historic landing inside an ancient crater, ready to search for signs the Red Planet may once have harbored key ingredients for life.

Mission controllers burst into cheers as they received signals confirming that the car-sized rover had survived

a perilous seven-minute descent NASA called the most elaborate and difficult feat in the annals of robotic spaceflight. **REUTERS**

Bernanke: Economic data may mask individual suffering

WASHINGTON. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke said gauges of the U.S. economy's strength may fail to measure the suffering of individual citizens.

"Even though some key aggregate metrics — including consumer spending, disposable income, household net worth, and debt service payments — have moved in the direction of recovery, many individuals and households continue to struggle with difficult economic and financial conditions," he said yesterday. **BLOOMBERG**

Standard Chartered left US vulnerable to terrorists

PARK JI-HWAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A rogue Standard Chartered Plc banking unit violated U.S. anti-money laundering laws by scheming with Iran to hide more than \$250 billion in transactions, and may lose its license to operate in New York State, a regulator said yesterday.

Benjamin Lawskey, of the state's department of financial

services, said Standard Chartered Bank reaped hundreds of millions of dollars of fees by scheming with Iran's government despite U.S. sanctions.

Lawskey quotes a Standard Chartered official in London who, upon being told by a North American colleague that its Iran dealings could cause "catastrophic reputational damage," reportedly replied: "You f—ing Americans. Who are you to tell us, the rest of the world, that we're not going to deal with Iranians?"

Lawskey said the unit of the London-based bank was "apparently aided" by its consultant Deloitte & Touche, which hid details from regulators, and



despite being under supervision by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and other regulators for other compliance failures. The bank's actions "left the U.S. financial system vulnerable to terrorists,

weapons dealers, drug kingpins and corrupt regimes, and deprived law enforcement investigators of crucial information used to track all manner of criminal activity," Lawskey said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Egypt vows crackdown on 'infidels' after border massacre

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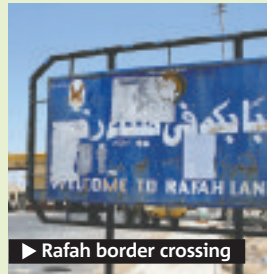
An Egyptian official said insurgents crossed into Egypt from the Gaza Strip before attacking the border station on Sunday. They then stole two vehicles and headed to nearby Israel, where they were eventually killed by Israeli fire.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said yesterday that up to eight assailants

were killed in the attack, adding he hoped the incident would serve as a "wake-up call" to Egypt, accused by Israel of having lost control of the desert Sinai peninsula.

The bloodshed represented an early diplomatic test for Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, an Islamist who took office at the end of June after staunch U.S. ally Hosni Mubarak was overthrown last year in a popular uprising. Morsi visited the border area yesterday, accompanied by the head of Egypt's military, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi. The army sent in reinforcements and stepped up checkpoints. **REUTERS**

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► Rafah border crossing

Syrian prime minister defects

AMMAN. Syria's prime minister fled the country yesterday, denouncing the "terrorist regime" of Bashar al-Assad as the United States hailed the highest level government defection as a sign the Syrian president was losing his grip.

Riyad Hijab, who like much of the opposition comes from Syria's Sunni Muslim majority, was not part of Assad's inner circle, but as prime minister and the most senior civilian official to defect, his departure dealt a symbolic blow to an establishment rooted in the president's minority Alawite sect. Opposition figures, buoyant despite setbacks in recent heavy fighting, spoke of an extensive and long-planned operation to spirit not just Hijab but numerous members of his extended family across the Jordanian border. **REUTERS**

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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip [@monicaatmetro](#) monica.weymouth@metro.us

Fighting words from Elton John

We're professional gossips over here. Trash-talking, unnamed "sources," Twitter fights among grown men: It all comes with the territory, and there's not much that surprises us in this post-"Real Housewives" world. Except, of course, for Mean Girl at Large, **Elton John**.

During an interview with Australian TV host **Molly Meldrum**, Elton let loose when discussing **Madonna**.

"Why is she such a nightmare? Sorry, her career is over," he said. "Her tour has been a disaster and it couldn't happen to a bigger c—."

We feel a back-handed compliment coming on: "If Madonna had any common sense, she would have made a record like 'Ray Of Light' and stayed away from the dance stuff and just been a great pop singer ... which she does brilliantly," he continued. "But no, she

had to go and prove she looks like a f—ing fairground stripper."

Now, do we agree with him? No. But we do respect his expertly conjured tornado of British crankiness and rhinestone platforms.



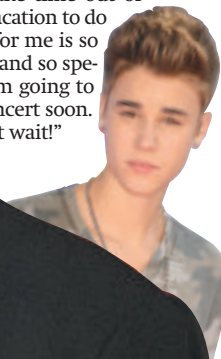
Elton John

No one can resist Biebs

When she's out collecting gold medals and charming the entire world, it's easy to forget that Olympic swimmer **Missy Franklin** is a mere 17 years old. (We know — we feel like blobs of shameful failure, too.)

But then **Justin Bieber** sent her a video message to congratulate her.

"I was flipping out when I saw it!" she tells *Us Weekly*. "His little brother was in it too, and he's the cutest little thing ever. It was insane. I was so excited. He said he was on vacation, so for him to take time out of his vacation to do that for me is so sweet and so special. I'm going to his concert soon. I can't wait!"



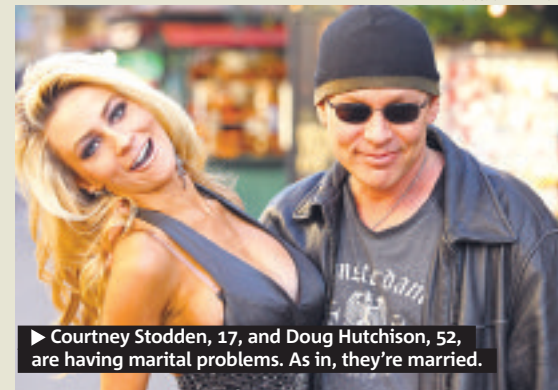
Bad day to lose the remote

Former "Real Housewives of New York" "stars" **Alex McCord** and **Simon Van Kemp** have decided to let reality TV solve the marital problems that reality TV contributed to. The couple, which is re-

portedly close to splitting, will appear on VH1's new "Couples Therapy," reports TMZ. Along with them will be "Bachelor" star **Shayne Lamas** and husband **Nik Richie** as well as 52-year-old "Lost" star **Doug Hutchison** and his 17-year-old wife, **Courtney Stodden**, whose mother was kind enough to sign her over last year.

Your move, Chick-fil-A.

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► Courtney Stodden, 17, and Doug Hutchison, 52, are having marital problems. As in, they're married.

Bynes approaching hot-mess status

Amanda Bynes is having a bad year, even for Amanda Bynes. In April, she was arrested under suspicion of DUI, and in May she was involved in two separate hit-

and-run accidents. On Sunday, she continued the streak, rear-ending a car in L.A. and then driving off without exchanging insurance information, reports TMZ.

Amanda, unless you're way more famous than we remember, you've overdrawn your child star pity fund. Pull it together, or at least get a reality show.



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@ConanOBrien

This Chick-fil-A scandal has got me worried. I want to go to Arby's but I don't know where they stand on the unrest in Syria.

@wossy (Jonathan Ross)

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Talking points

Pattinson surfaces alive and well

Robert Pattinson has come out of hiding, reportedly stepping out for the night this weekend with pals at a bar near **Reese Witherspoon's** ranch in Ojai, Calif., where he's apparently been lying low since news broke of girlfriend **Kristen Stewart's** infidelity, according to *Us Weekly*.

Pattinson "seemed to be having an amazing time" with a group of male friends, a patron at the Deer Lodge bar says. "He looked like a guy that was trying to enjoy himself and get away. Seems like a good kid."

Surprise: Cyrus likes her 18k ring

Miley Cyrus says her impressive vintage engagement ring was all fiancé **Liam Hemsworth's** idea. "I had no input," she tells *Marie Claire*. "I saw it online at one point and thought it was

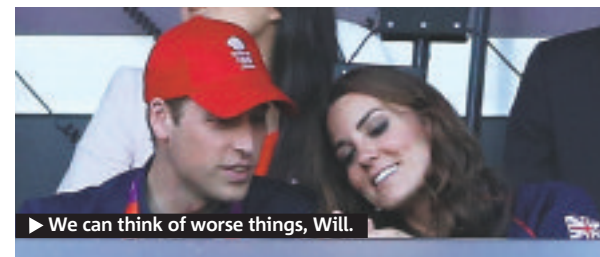
really pretty. I just love that it's old and has a story. And I'm happy because it doesn't look like anything else I wear." The 18-karat ring was hand-cut in the late 1800s, and it sounds like it will be the only thing on her finger for a while: "We want to have a long engagement," she says.

Royals 'absolutely dreading' kiss cam

Prince William may be used to living his life in public, but that doesn't mean he's thrilled about

public displays of affection — especially when it's broadcast on a massive screen at an Olympic event. "I was absolutely dreading they were going to come and

show myself and my wife, and that would have been very embarrassing," William says of the "kiss cam" at London's Velodrome.



► We can think of worse things, Will.



Promotional rescue

Lady Gaga showed off a new tattoo to reveal the name of her forthcoming album yesterday. To honor her act, we look at other singers' promotional prowess.

1. When **Stevie Wonder** released "Songs in the Key of Life" in 1976, he dressed up as a cowboy. His holsters cradled the LP jackets as he appeared beneath a sign that read, "NUMBER ONE WITH A BULLET." The album did debut at No. 1.

2. Only **Avril Lavigne** can stand in front of a picture of herself that says, "The Best Damn Thing." Her '07 CD wasn't that, but what pride!

3. At the 2001 VMAs, **Macy Gray's** dress overshadowed **Nelly's** cheek tape and **Mary J. Blige**. These pics are from Sept. 6, 2001, and something else happened between that day and the day her album came out. That something overshadowed everything; therefore, not many took her butt's advice.

4. In **Ozzy Osbourne's** book, he jokes he'll only be remembered for biting off a bat's head. Hmm.

5. Lastly, a dishonorable mention: **Jennifer Lopez** performing at last year's American Music Awards, sharing the stage with a Fiat.

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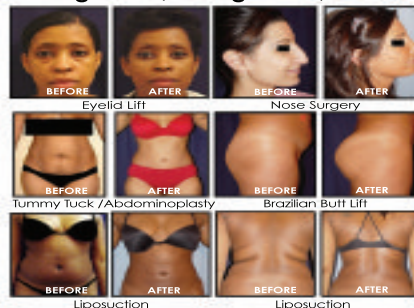
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► 26-year-old Rebecca Harrington's debut novel, 'Penelope,' follows a feckless freshman through her first year at Harvard



Rebecca Harrington's debut novel, like its heroine, shouldn't be judged by its girlish cover. Dotted with classical literature in-jokes, "Penelope" is a clever read about the absurdity of the Ivy League experience: the hookups, the all-night "pregaming" and the waffle irons branding the college crest on students' breakfasts.

Based on Harrington's own experience at Harvard, the book also touches on the isolation often felt by college freshmen. Penelope O'Shaunessy arrives on campus a blank

"I do think it's a good primer if, let's say, you're sort of a nerd." REBECCA HARRINGTON

slate: She has no friends, and she hasn't reviewed her all-important freshman orientation packet. She spends the first few weeks eating alone, watching detective movies on her laptop and sniffing through allergy attacks brought on by her goth roommate's feral cat. This puts her, of course, in stark contrast to her ultramotivated

peers.

"I wanted to have her be there as a counterpoint to everybody else," Harrington tells us. "I was using a lot of English campus novels as models, where the hero is usually male and they usually never explain how he got to Oxford or Cambridge, and he doesn't seem particularly motivated."

But while Penelope falls prey to the usual drinking- and dating-related college mishaps, she never abandons her dorky core in favor of Harvard manners. As in the classic campus novels Harrington references,



► Rebecca Harrington's "Penelope" hits stores today.

virtue is rewarded and the villains get their comeuppance.

While "Penelope" is an ideal read for the class of 2016, it will also resonate with those navigating life after graduation. "I think feeling left out of things is so incredibly universal," Harrington says. "I think it's more about that than Harvard specifically."

"But," she says, laughing, "I do think it's a good primer if,

let's say, you're sort of a nerd."

Harrington is now the college editor at the Huffington Post — another institution itching for parody. Will it inspire a second book? "No," she says. "The thing about Harvard is that there are so many absurd elements to it. It was rife for satire."

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'Dogfight' musical lacks bite

► This musical update of the 1991 film fails to win us over
► However, the talented actors make the most of what they're given

While Second Stage Theatre's latest offering contains some intense combat, "Dogfight" is also a play on the slang word for an unattractive female. The premise is that three close-knit buddies and two acquaintances, all Vietnam-bound marines, compete to see who can bring the ugliest girl to a party on their last night in the states. It's a problematic setup with a high predictability factor. And the

musical fails to overcome the challenges inherent in its basic premise.

It's no surprise that flawed hero Eddie (Derek Klena) ends up caring about his date, diner waitress Rose (Lindsay Mendez). Nor is it unexpected when Rose discovers the truth and storms out, only to be pursued by her date — whom she of course forgives before agreeing to stay with him for the rest of the night.

Eddie's subsequent reunion with his buddies is less predictable. Suffice it to say his redemption is compromised, and the war scenes that follow — while tautly staged by director Joe Mantello — don't strike home given our ambivalence about these young warriors.

Although the music by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul falls prey to sameness, it also has interesting harmonies and a drive that's infectious. Mendez is especially affecting as Rose, and Klena is strong as Eddie. The singing is excellent through-



► Lindsay Mendez and Derek Klena star in "Dogfight."

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out. But "Dogfight" doesn't rise above its initial mean-spiritedness. We may, like Rose, ultimately forgive Eddie; but it's hard to forget what curs he and his friends have been.

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'Our America with Lisa Ling'

REALITY. Tonight, host Lisa Ling investigates the story of



► Quinten Lawrence gives training his all.

a man "labeled for life" as a sex offender, attempting to piece together what really happened when he was sentenced to 16 years in prison as a teenager for touching a girl's breast. 10 p.m., OWN

'Shipping Wars'

REALITY. It's another season of movers hauling weird stuff — like a giant Willie Mays sculpture, which shipper Roy saws in half (bad idea). Season premiere, 9 p.m., A&E • METRO/AR

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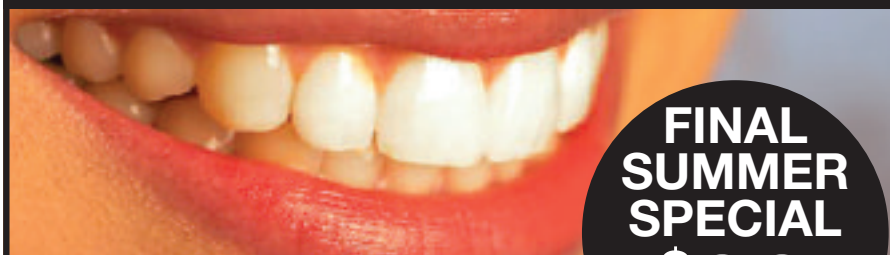
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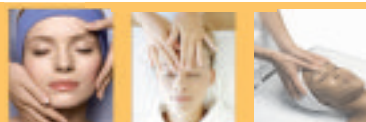
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college-bound

Stay safe on campus this semester

When you think of customizable apps for the college crowd, the first thing that comes to mind is rarely public safety. But that's exactly the goal of Ping4 this fall. Using innovative technologies such as geo-fencing — which allows users to target a specific area — Ping4 enables students to notify others of a dangerous situation. If you witness a mugging, for example, Ping4 lets you tell all other users who are within the area. You can provide details on what you witnessed, and if you snapped a photo or video of the suspect, that can be shared with your entire network.

"Or how about a missing person," suggests Mike Welts, vice president of Ping4. "You can share a photo of them and

provide a list of details. As time passes, you can increase the size of your geo-fence, alerting even more people. Rather than an alert that you would only know about if you were on a highway or listening to the radio, you just have to be near your phone to receive that report."

To customize, choose the kind of notifications you want. Non-driving city dwellers may not care about traffic issues, so they can skip those notifications. Those same people, though, might want to know about the monstrous hail storm approaching or robberies happening near their dorms.

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School smarts

Apps are great, but some good old-fashioned common sense is necessary when it comes to campus safety. We hit up Dallas Jessup of Just Yell Fire — an organization that empowers young women to protect themselves against violence and abuse — for her back-to-campus safety tips.

- 1 "Before heading off to or back to college, check if your school has a late-night police escorting system. A lot of colleges will have a number that you can call late at night if you have to walk back alone and they will walk with you to keep you safe. Find out the number and pre-program it into your cell."
- 2 "Know your limits and values before heading off to college. Despite the fact that legally, if you're under 21, you should not be drinking, a lot of young adults do and therefore it is impor-

tant to be honest with yourself and know your limits if you find yourself in a compromising situation."

- 3 "If you hear that a dorm or fraternity house has a bad reputation for rape, date rape drugs or similar issues, these rumors are usually out there for a reason. There are plenty of other places to be social, and until you know for certain that the reputation is false, go elsewhere just to be safe."
- 4 "Know your campus and surrounding areas ahead of time before you go for a run. Most girls love running outside and exploring the area around campus. But if you're not sure where you're going, you may find yourself in a sticky situation. Bring a friend if possible. This will make it more fun and safer, and always have a cell phone with you."
- 5 "Most importantly, always have a bag of tricks to utilize if you are ever in an attack situation."

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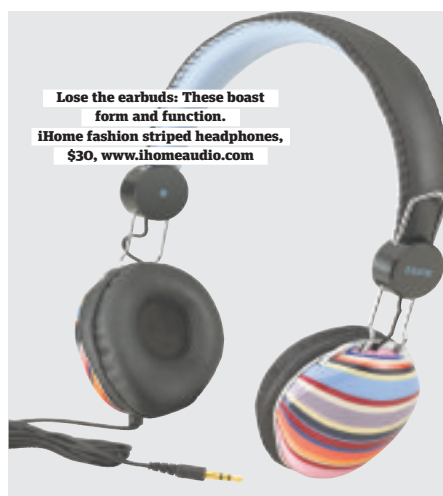
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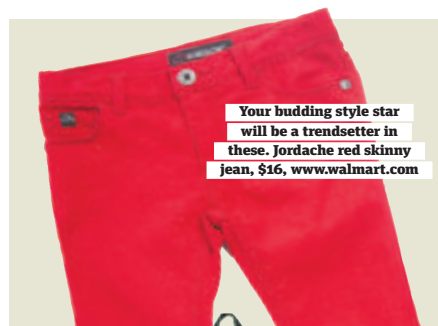
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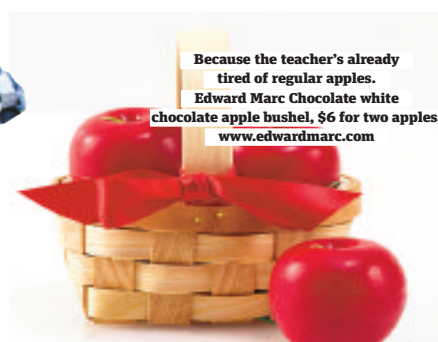
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Retail tips

Back talk

Until textbooks turn digital, carrying a backpack can be a real pain (literally!) for your little one. Follow these guidelines from Daniel Green, M.D., associate professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at the Weill Cornell Medical College, in New York City, if you're buying a new

knapsack — as well as when you're suiting up your pint-sized scholar throughout the year.

At the store, look for:

- ▶ A well sized sack — it should not be as big as your kid!
- ▶ Two adjustable straps
- ▶ Padding on the straps and back

Get a comfortable fit

- ▶ Have your child wear both straps whenever he or she has it on.
- ▶ Tighten the straps so the back-

pack fits close to the body.

- ▶ If the pack has one, buckle the waist belt to more evenly distribute weight.
- ▶ See whether your child's school will let him or her have two sets of books, one for home and one for school.

JESSIE WOHLGEMUTH

Parents

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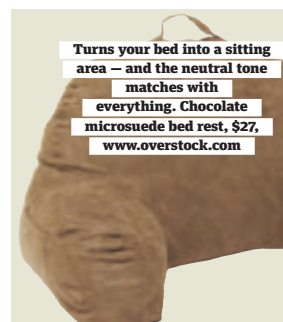
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Olympians bear torch of hope

Kudos to all of the Olympians who partook in the 2012 Olympics in London. Their talent, hard work, perseverance, endless practices, sacrifices, overcoming adversity in many situations and intense focus on their goals led them to the games of what they do best. Nationality, religion and race were respected by all. The display of team sportsmanship exemplified togetherness. These young Olympians have realized their aspirations to become wonderful role models to our youth. In this time of turmoil among nations and difficult economic times in countries, the Olympics have given us pleasure, pride and hope. Wouldn't it

be spectacular if all nations could learn a lesson from the Olympics and bond together as a united team of one?

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NASA lands both rover and applause

Living in the digital age has been very rewarding, to say the least. Digital phones are mini computers, social media keeps everyone interconnected and, of course, the Internet has all of the information you'd ever need at your fingertips. With the future being now, it's hard to look to the past. But NASA just gave us reason to! Landing a nuclear-powered probe the size of a car on another planet is a phenomenal display

of human ingenuity and makes me proud to be American. These are the feats worthy of national boast and pride.

RICH BRITTLE, BOSTON

No reason for Mitt not to reveal taxes

Everyone who is considering whether to cast their vote for Mr. Romney has a right to know if he is a finagler. The only way to assure these potential voters that he is not is to make available his tax returns for the years 2001 through 2011. When I applied for an appointment as tax examiner with the IRS, three years of my tax returns were audited. What's the problem? I know his dad would agree.

ROBERT A KEHL, VIA E-MAIL

Romney just doing his job — well

Your readers are all over the GOP candidate about his job record as CEO. His job as CEO is to make the company profitable, not to hand out meaningless jobs. Obviously, the companies did well and made profits. On the other hand, Obama's job WAS to create jobs — an obvious failure.

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Stuffing your beak an interesting way to protest

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CHARLES BOSSE, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you have to contend with an individual who is unyielding and stubborn, attempting to convert him or her to your way of doing things could turn out to be an exercise in futility. Let it go.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't assume any new financial obligations, especially if you are already straining to take care of some old debts. One more straw could break the camel's back.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Before accusing your mate or anyone else of dragging his or her feet, make sure you're doing everything that is required of you.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Should you find yourself being asked to perform a task or assignment that you find distasteful, rather than make a fuss over it, do what is requested with a smile.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Do what you can to steer clear of a controversial situation that involves two of your friends. Your well-meaning input could complicate matters rather than help resolve them.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Disagreements with family need to be kept private. Instead of acquiring support, airing your disputes in public merely makes everyone look bad

in the eyes of others.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You should strive to be supportive of associates who express their ideas and/or plans. If you feel compelled to comment, make sure that what you say is constructive, not critical.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Before taking on any long-term obligation at this point in time, review the possibilities from all angles. If you are impulsive about it, you could create difficulties that would last a while.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you find yourself stymied by a lack of support, be both patient and persevering. There isn't anyone who can't be won over.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't expect your colleagues to do things for you that you could easily do for yourself. Whether they're friends or co-workers, others will resent being manipulated.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It might provide you with temporary pleasure to put frivolous interests ahead of duties, but it won't equal the guilt you'll feel and/or blame you'll collect on account of not doing your job.

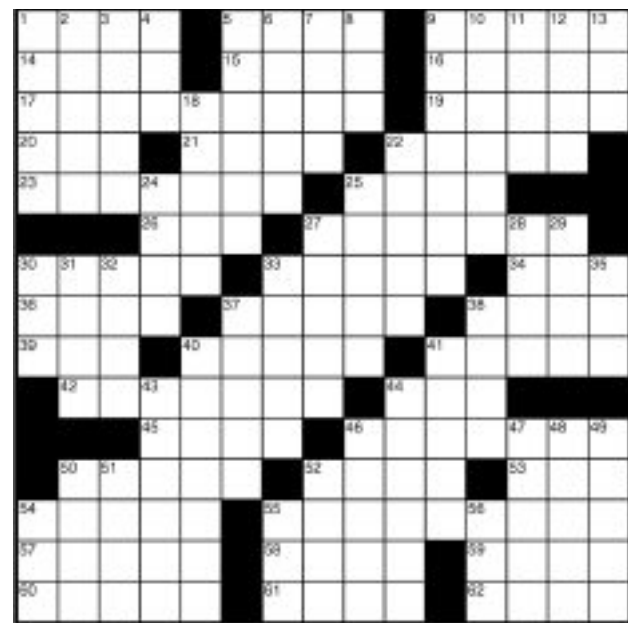
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** There won't be any free rides. Only hard work and persistence will help you achieve goals worthy of the effort.

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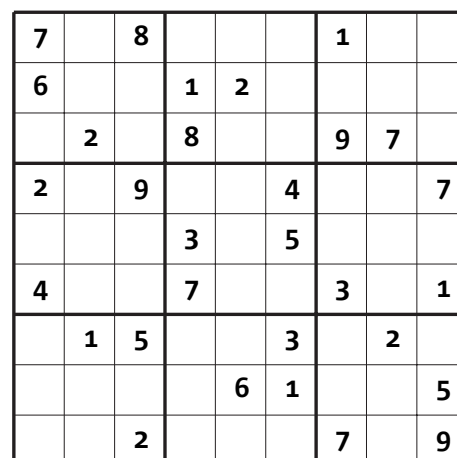
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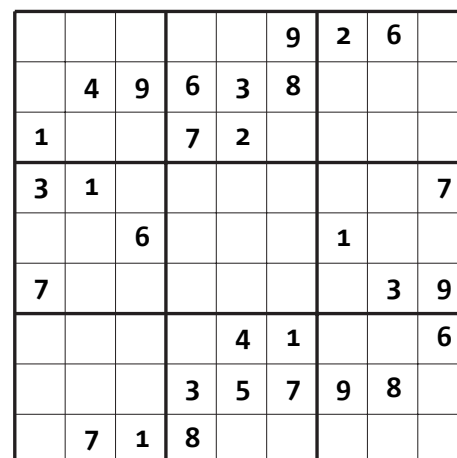


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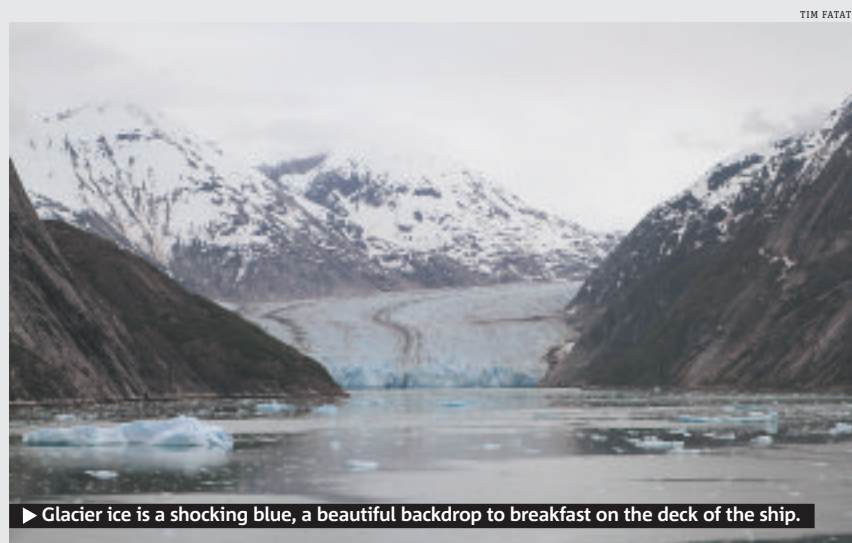
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It's not often that you set down your fork to watch a whale arch out of the water at sunset. Unless you're on a cruise in Alaska, in which case the postcard-worthy moment is just part of the decor. There is a lot of wild and astounding beauty in Alaska — crystalline blue glaciers, snowy mountains skirted in lush greenery — and it's a lot easier to see it surrounded by the creature comforts of a cruise ship.

It's no mistake that cruising is a common way for travelers

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► Glacier ice is a shocking blue, a beautiful backdrop to breakfast on the deck of the ship.

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Excursions can seem like a pricey addition to a cruise vacation, but they are the easiest way to fit a few more spectacular vistas into a trip. In Juneau, the sea plane trip to the Taku Lodge takes passen-

gers over ice fields that are raked with pools of fluorescent blue ice. At the lodge, signs warn against bears who, like the humans, are drawn to the open-fire grills of fresh-caught Alaskan salmon.

Further north in Skagway, the town's few streets are set at the foot of mountains that

catch the morning sunlight like the Paramount logo (minus the circle of stars). The steam railroad trips that spiral down the mountains have breathtaking views of the area's mountains that go from solid snow at the top, passing by waterfalls until arriving at the lush green that surrounds Skagway.

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The length in miles of the White and Yukon Railway



► A ride on the White Pass Yukon Rail looks like something out of the children's book "The Polar Express," complete with a steam engine train and gorgeous views.

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Possibly the best thing about floating around a beautiful place on a ship the size of an apartment building (the Rhapsody is considered small with nearly 2,000 passengers) is the versatility that's available for each traveler to choose his or her own trip. Families with small children can make use of day care to see sights while the tots are entertained. And travelers of all ages (and all skill levels) can access rugged Alaskan nature unburdened by luggage. Food ranging from cafe-style paninis to pad thai is available, too, so picky eaters will not go hungry.

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▶ Huge rabbit with antlers? Yup, you're at Wall Drug.

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The country's best roadside attractions

▶ Road trips are part of the quintessential American experience ▶ When hours of highway become unbearable, there are many fun places to stop

Circus World Museum, Baraboo, Wis.

Why we like it: When the atmosphere inside the car starts to feel like a circus, the outdoor extravaganza of acrobats, aerialists, magic tricks and animal performances that is Circus World Museum puts it in perspective. Located on the winter grounds of the original Ringling Bros. Circus, the attraction features 10 performances daily, rain or shine, through Sept. 3, so you're almost guaranteed to catch a show.

Where to eat: Forgo cotton candy and hamburgers onsite and head for the cheerful Little Village Cafe. This cozy, memorabilia-packed spot features a

menu full of healthy options, from blackened salmon Caesar salad to angel hair pasta tossed with fresh veggies.

Biosphere 2, Oracle, Ariz.

Why we like it: The Biosphere 2 is a sprawling, self-contained miniworld that became a laughingstock in science circles in the early 1990s, when a two-year experiment with human "Biospherians" was suspended. Today the three-acre property, now managed by the University of Arizona, makes for a fascinating pit stop. Visitors can tour futuristic-looking buildings, several climatic zones and even an ocean and rainforest. To help offset the \$20/person entry fee, check out online coupons and AAA discounts.

Where to eat: About 30 miles away in Tucson is the cheery Cafe Poca Cosa, where the Mexican-influenced menu changes twice daily.

McDonald's No. 1 Store Museum, Des Plaines, Ill.

Why we like it: Since no road trip is complete without the greasy goodness of fast food, a visit to the first location of the McDonald's franchise will stir not only nostalgia but stomach rumblings. Vintage golden arches, complete with an unimaginable 15-cent sign, soar over the building, which follows the original blueprints (there were only drive-throughs



Graceland, Memphis, Tenn.

Why we like it: A pilgrimage to Graceland, the home of music legend Elvis Presley, the King of Rock 'n' Roll, is just the remedy when the whole family is feeling all shook up from too much time in the car. Presley's 14-acre estate is now a museum, with several tour options through his home, including the famous Jungle Room. Don't have time for a full tour? Check out the Meditation Garden, where Elvis is laid to rest. It's the only part of the estate that doesn't require a ticket.

Where to eat: Memphis isn't just famous as an epicenter of all things Elvis: Its legendary barbecue has just as many fans. Dig into some of the city's best at The Bar-B-Q Shop, a no-frills joint that serves up mouthwatering heaps of both wet and dry versions.

back then). The replica restaurant/museum keeps irregular hours during the summer. Try to arrange a tour, or just peek through the windows at the eerie mannequin employees wearing original uniforms from 1955.

Where to eat: The location serves only as a museum/attraction, but once your taste buds are primed for a Big Mac, head across the street to (where else?) McDonald's.

Wall Drug Store, Wall, S.D.

Why we like it: After three-quarters of a century, coffee at the iconic Wall Drug Store, also known as Wall Drug, still costs a nickel, ice water (the original lure for travelers to stop here) is still free and the tourists are still stopping. But the place has exploded in size and scope, with a 76,000-square-foot building filled with art and Western tchotchkes galore that pulls in millions of visitors every year.

Where to eat: This is meat-and-potatoes country, and you can't go wrong with a juicy steak at most of the family-friendly establishments in and around Wall. Try Red Rock Restaurant (no official website), which has consistently good food (though sometimes slow service).

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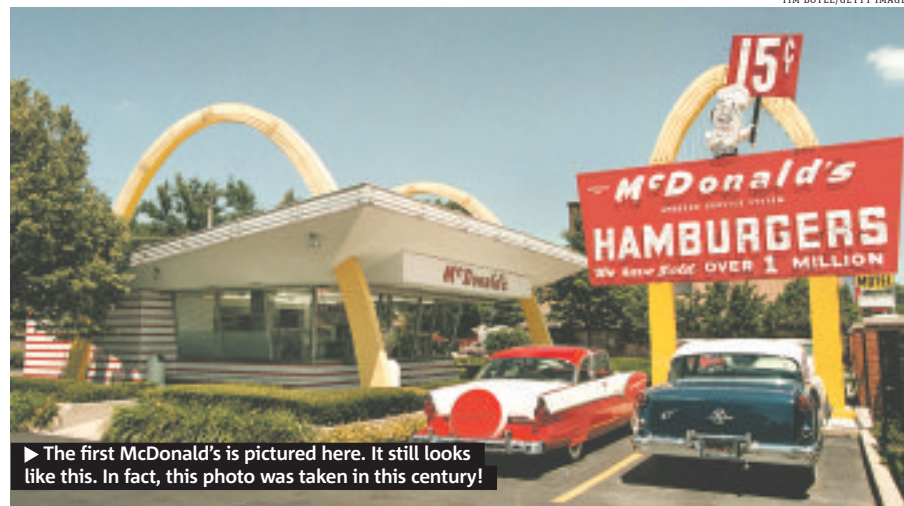
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▶ The first McDonald's is pictured here. It still looks like this. In fact, this photo was taken in this century!



► US women advance to gold medal match with win in second extra period
► Morgan scores game-winner in 123rd minute ► Will face Japan in final

No one said a chance for revenge would come easy.

Hours after Japan clinched a spot in the gold medal final, the U.S. battled Canada to a 4-3 victory in injury time of the second period of extra time to advance to a rematch with the same team that upset them in

penalty kicks in last summer's World Cup.

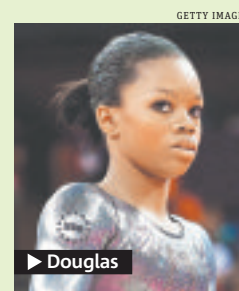
Media darling Alex Morgan headed in the game-winner on a cross from Heather O'Reilly in the 123rd minute. Pandemonium followed as the final whistle blew just seconds later.

But the match itself was

anything but pretty for the United States. Veteran Canadian forward Christine Sinclair punished the U.S. defense all evening — netting all three of her country's goals in the 22nd minute, 67th minute and 73rd minute. Each one appeared more devastating than the

last, but the U.S. battled back each time. Megan Rapinoe scored twice, while Abby Wambach's equalizer in the 80th minute eventually forced extra time.

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Douglas botches bar routine

American gymnast and individual all-around champion Gabby Douglas couldn't add to her medal haul yesterday as she flubbed her routine on uneven bars.

Douglas came down on the wrong side of the top bar while in a handstand and had to improvise to get back on track. It wasn't smooth enough, as she finished in eighth.

The breakout star of the Olympics will have one more shot at gold today as she competes in the balance beam event final. It is the last day of gymnastics and possibly the last time any of these members will compete in an Olympics. ● **METRO/MO**

Tune in



Three events to catch today:

► Usain Bolt takes to the track again in Round 1 of 200m qualifying. As great as Bolt is at the 100m, he may be even better at the longer distance. He holds the world record there as well and will be matched up with Jamaican Yohan Blake again.

► Lolo Jones might get a shot at redemption in the 100-meter hurdles after falling on the ninth hurdle in Beijing while leading. First she has to get through semis, which is not a given. Aussie Sally Pearson is the favorite. The final is at 4 p.m.

► The semifinals in women's beach volleyball are tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and both American teams are alive. You know Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh-Jennings, but April Ross and Jen Kessy also remain. Both U.S. teams are actually underdogs.

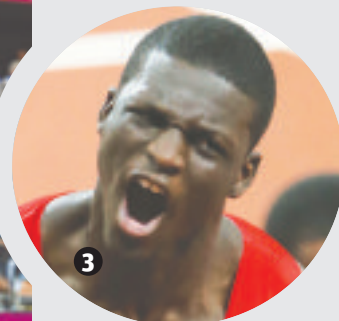
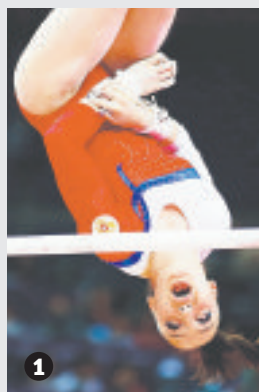
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The games in pictures

- 1** Gold medalist Aliya Mustafina of Russia keeps her eye on the bar.
- 2** Kobe Bryant attempts an interesting shot as he lands on the back of Argentina's Leonardo Gutierrez during a U.S. victory.



- 3** Kirani James won Grenada's first-ever medal by taking gold in the 400m.
- 4** American Jennifer Suhr shocked two-time gold medalist Elena Isinbaeva for gold in pole vault.
- 5** Tom Slingsby of Australia won gold in the men's sailing laser radial class. It was just the second gold for Australia.



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| 6. FRANCE | 8 | 9 | 9 |
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Things get testy in brawl at Jets camp

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For a Jets team that showed little fight down the stretch run last year, this wasn't exactly the type of feistiness head coach Rex Ryan was hoping for. But at the very least, yesterday's melee showed a team with a pulse.

Midway through Monday's practice, running back Joe McKnight and rookie cornerback D'Anton Lynn got involved in a scuffle that extended to include roughly 20 players. The brawl spilled to the sidelines and took several minutes to get settled.

"I didn't see anything. I was all the way on the other side and I just ran over and started pulling people off," quarterback Tim Tebow said. "I don't even know who started it."



"Rex [Ryan] will address it. But it's not helping us. That's for sure."

MARK SANCHEZ, ON THE FIGHT IN CAMP ON MONDAY

Fights are a common occurrence in camp and a given as temperatures mingle with frustration and competition boils over. With the same players going against each other every day, feuds can linger and carry

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► Joe McKnight reportedly started the brawl.

over into the next practice.

According to reports, the altercation occurred when Lynn pushed McKnight when the running back had already run out of bounds. McKnight responded by throwing the ball he was carrying at Lynn's helmet and then going after the player.

Quarterback Mark Sanchez, who was named a captain last year, said he was "not a fan of fights" and didn't like the emotions that eventually resulted.

"I mean if you throw a ball at someone in a game, you're going to cost us 15 yards, so I don't know if that's a great habit to get into," Sanchez said.

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Esiason: Team should cut Tebow

► Former Jets QB says team should cut Tebow before season ► Tebow: 'I just wish him nothing but the best'

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► Sanchez and Esiason likely won't be posing at any more photo ops like this one in June.

Radio hosts are supposed to create attention, so why not target the biggest lightning rod of them all: Tim Tebow.

Former Jets and Bengals quarterback Boomer Esiason said on his WFAN radio show yesterday morning the Jets should cut Tim Tebow immediately based on his preseason struggles and the potential conflict with incumbent starter Mark Sanchez.

"I'm just telling you right now, I would [cut him]," Esiason said. "I'll tell you why I would. [The trade] is not in any way, shape or form — I think — benefiting this team."

The Jets didn't bite on the criticism after practice yesterday.

"I've heard nothing but great things about Mr. Esiason," Tebow said. "I know he was a great player here, and I just wish him nothing but the best in his announcing and God bless him."

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Boomer Esiason had a record of 15-27 (.357) as a starter for the Jets — a winning percentage that got him cut.

"Boomer was a great player and I respect that he has a right to an opinion," Sanchez said. "However, we're well under way here and things are going well. We're excited about our personnel — everybody, including Tim."

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► Robin Ventura was known as a player who led by example, but he's relishing taking charge in Chicago.

Ventura carves out career

► Man who hit only grand slam single ever flourishing in managerial role
 ► Has White Sox first place in division ► Konerko: 'Comes natural for him'

In New York, Robin Ventura's most recognizable achievement is still his grand slam single for the Mets in the 15th inning in Game 5 of the 1999 NLCS against the Braves to force a sixth game in Atlanta.

In Chicago, he is known as an All-Star third baseman, who along with Frank Thomas, Jack McDowell and others, made the White Sox into a contender in the early 1990s.

Over a decade later, Ventura is carving out another successful part of his baseball career as a first-year major league man-

Twice as nice

Ventura had his best years in New York with the Mets, but he also played for the Yankees.

► Ventura played three seasons for the Mets (1999-2001). He batted .260 with 77 homers and finished sixth in MVP voting in 1999.
 ► In his two years in the Bronx, he had 36 homers and batted .249.

ager who, according to his players, is a natural at the job.

"Obviously he never managed or coached before he got here, but he played the game for a long time," first baseman Paul Konerko said. "It seems like it comes very natural for him. The game doesn't ever seem fast for him."

"It seems like he got right into it. He just seems like a natural big league manager. I don't think there are many people that can do it without having done it somewhere in the minor leagues. He's obviously spe-

cial in that regard in the fact that he can just jump into it and be fine at it."

The inexperience was what many questioned when general manager Kenny Williams appointed Ventura. Yet they stand in first place in the AL Central.

"I just come in here and do what I think is right and play baseball the way we want to play baseball and these guys are coming out doing it," Ventura said.

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